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Dear Examiner Dooley:

On December 22, 2003 we filed an Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 in the USPTO Mail Room.

Transmitted herewith are courtesy copies thereof and of our firm's return postcard receipt bearing the USPTO Mail Room date stamp confirming that filing.

This copy is presented for your convenience to expedite your consideration of this case. We await receipt of a Notice of Allowability or Advisory Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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